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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the critical need for food and medical supplies in Biafra-Nigeria has aroused compassion and humanitarian concern in the hearts of all responsible persons who are aware of this need, and

WHEREAS, deaths from starvation in this African nation torn by civil war number in the thousands, inspiring determined efforts by our government and by many private agencies to send vital relief to the unfortunate people of Biafra, and particularly to the children who are the most tragic victims of this appalling situation, and

WHEREAS, to encourage public support for this worthy relief mission, the Americans for Biafran Relief organization is striving to obtain widespread participation in observance of a Month of Hope for Biafra, and

WHEREAS, three major Minnesota organizations, the Minnesota Jaycees, the Young Republican League and the Minnesota Federation of Young Democrats, have pledged their support to this observance, encouraging contributions through the International Red Cross and cooperating agencies providing food and medical supplies in Biafra-Nigeria, and

WHEREAS, I am completely in accord with the humanitarian objectives of this endeavor,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Levander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September, 1969, as

"A MONTH OF HOPE FOR BIAFRA-NIGERIA".

in Minnesota, and urge all citizens with a concern for human suffering to do all in their power to aid those in Biafra-Nigeria who face almost certain death unless help is forthcoming. Finally I urge prayers for a swift and just peace.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-first day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine and of the State, the one hundred twelfth.

Harold Levander
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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